

REMARKS

Applicants have elected Claims 1-15, canceled Claims 16-20, traversed the restriction requirement with respect to Claims 21-24, and have added new Claims 25-27 and therefore, upon entry of this amendment with successful traverse, Claims 1-15 and 21-27 are pending.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement with respect to Claims 21-24 and respectfully disagree with Examiner's assertion that Claims 21-24 are distinct from Claims 1-15. Specifically, Examiner argues that "the circuit as claimed in Group I is not necessary to contain particular elements which are comprised in a method of providing remote voltage sensing at a load as claimed in Group II." However, Applicants note that Claims 21-24 are directed to a circuit (rather than a method as with Claims 16-20) having similar particulars to those found in Claims 1-15 and would require the same identical search and general classification. Thus, neither prong of the test under MPEP § 806.05(c) cited by Examiner is met. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement is improper and request that the restriction be withdrawn and a timely examination performed.

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Applicants have also added new Claims 25-27 and submit that no new matter has been added and that support may be found, for example, in reference to Figs. 2 and 3 and the corresponding text.

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